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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following document which was identified in a German Office Action (an English translation which is submitted herewith) that issued in German Patent Application No. 103 39 389.7, which is a patent family member of the present application:

(1) German Patent Publication No. DE 197 02 505 A1, which was published on July 31, 1997, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of United Kingdom Patent Publication No. GB 2,309,551, which was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement.

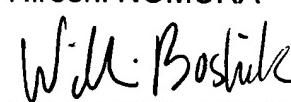
The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which this document is relevant, as ascertained by the German Examiner are set forth in the translation of the German Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of this document is attached hereto and is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that a Request for Continued Examination was submitted on June 13, 2005, and no subsequent Official Action has been received. Thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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